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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Rev. Frank Cirone of Ravencrest Chalet at the Torchbearer Bible School, Estes Park, CO.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Hear my cry, O God;

Give heed to my prayer.

From the end of the earth I call to You when my heart is faint;

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For You have been a refuge for me,

A tower of strength against the enemy.

Let me dwell in Your tent forever;

Let me take refuge in the shelter of Your wings.—(Psalm 61:1-4)

Know that the Lord Himself is God;

It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.—(Psalm 100:3)

Heavenly Father, Almighty God, we come before You today acknowledging You as Creator of this universe and Sovereign Lord over all. We have so much to be thankful for. We bless You for the privilege of living in this land of freedom. We bless You for the wonderful salvation we can have through the shed blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ and life eternal by His resurrection. We praise You, Lord, for the wisdom and peace You give as we call upon Your name.

Sovereign Lord, we pause for a moment . . . to pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces that are fighting for the freedom of Iraq. May they know of Your constant strength, wisdom, and protection through this conflict. May they be reminded of our love, prayers, and support. Please, Lord, comfort the families and friends of lost loved ones in their time of sorrow.

Dear God, empower these men and women of this Senate with Your courage and understanding as they are

faced with the challenges of today. Thank You, Lord, for placing them in their positions of leadership as Senators of this great Nation.

As we live in these challenging times nationally and internationally, may we learn to slow down, step up, and stand out in Your strength, allowing Your life and love to shine through our lives publicly and privately so that Your name, O God, will be exalted. Use us today, O Gracious Lord, for Your purpose and praise! We pray all of this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SUNUNU). The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 10 a.m. to allow Members to continue to make statements honoring and supporting our fighting men and women overseas.

At 10 a.m., the Senate will resume consideration of the supplemental appropriations bill. As I announced last night, the chairman has developed a lineup of amendments. Senator BOXER will go first with an antimissile amendment. Then we will try to reach a 30-minute time limitation on her language. I understand following that amendment, Senator BAYH will be prepared with an amendment regarding bioterrorism, and Senator GRAHAM of Florida will have an amendment regarding VA health.

Votes will be stacked in the early afternoon to accommodate the schedules of a number of Senators. The Senate will complete action on the supplemental bill today. If Members continue to cooperate and allow for short debate limitations on their amendments, it may be possible to finish at a reasonable hour today. That is my hope. In any event, we all are prepared to stay as late as necessary in order to finish the bill this evening.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Colorado.

WELCOMING REVEREND CIRONE

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I take a moment to welcome our Chaplain for the day.

Frank and Krista Cirone, with their four children: Andrew, Benjamin, Isaak, and Anikka, live and minister at Ravencrest Chalet of the Torchbearer International Missionary Fellowship. Ravencrest Chalet is a Bible school and Christian conference center in Estes Park, CO. The Cirones enjoy hiking, mountain biking, and snowboarding in the Colorado Rockies.

Frank graduated from Philadelphia Biblical University in 1989 prior to joining the staff at Ravencrest Chalet. Frank is pursuing his master's degree in leadership from Denver Seminary. At Ravencrest, he serves as principal of the Bible school, resident instructor and coordinator of the second year leadership program.

Besides his responsibilities at Ravencrest, Frank spends time traveling and speaking at various conferences and retreats both in North America and overseas. He very much enjoys motivating people to a deeper love for Christ that influences all aspects of daily living through dynamic communication and interaction. I want to thank Mr. Cirone and his family for

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